

City of LaVerkin

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LaVerkin City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 18, 2013 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, LaVerkin, Utah

Present: Mayor Karl Wilson; Council-Members: Randy Reeve, Richard Hirschi, Brandon Stephenson, and Ray Justice; Staff: Derek Imlay, Troylinn Benson, Chief Lloyd Watkins, and Christy Ballard; Public: Blair Gubler, John and Rose Valenti, Ann Wixom, Madison Farish, and Chantelle Browning.

Councilman Phil Jensen and Kevin Bennett are excused.

A. Called to Order – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Randy Reeve at 6:01pm.

B. Appointments:

Mayor Wilson recommended appointing Madison Farish to fill a vacancy in the Youth City Council. Madison was able to attend the State Legislation Youth Day earlier in the year. This is a great training for our future leaders.

Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to accept Madison Farish to the Youth City Council, second by Councilman Ray Justice. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda: (Items on the consent agenda may not require discussion. These items will be a single motion unless removed at the request of the Mayor or City Council.)

1. Declarations of conflict of interest
2. Agenda
3. August 21, 2013 regular meeting minutes
4. Review Invoices and Checks: \$299,437.31

Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve the consent agenda as written including the August 21, 2013 meeting minutes and checks and invoices in the amount of \$299,437.31, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson. Roll Call Vote: Reeve-yes, Hirschi-yes, Stephenson-yes, Justice-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Committee Reports:

1. Planning Commission – The Planning Commission meets next week.
2. Water Board – The Water Board has not met.
3. Sewer Board–The sewer board has not met. The La Verkin clean out project is almost complete. Only the west side of the highway from 200 N. is left. The new truck has arrived and has been used. It works great; it will cut right through the asphalt.
4. Fire District–Chief Kuhlmann has been excused, he is on a call.

E. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

F. Public Hearing:

1. A public hearing to receive input with respect to the issuance of Parity Water Revenue Bonds and any potential impact to the private sector from the construction of the Silver Acres project.

Mayor Wilson reported that this item will be addressed by the City Council at a future meeting.

Kyle explained that this project is for the Silver Acres subdivision. It will be to improve the streets including curb and gutter as well as the water system, both culinary and secondary.

This subdivision was built in the 1970's and has taken a lot of money and manpower to maintain due to the type of material used back then. Completion of the project will add this area to the road maintenance schedule.

The Community Impact Fund Board has given the City a 50/50 loan grant. Approximately \$274,000 is a loan from CIB, \$273,000 is a grant and La Verkin's contribution is \$21,765 with a total expenditure of \$568,765. The interest rate on the 20 year loan is 1 1/2 % which means the City will pay approximately \$17,555 a year beginning July 1, 2015. The City contribution will be due at the beginning of the project. Staff is behind this project.

Public hearing was opened to the public at 6:10pm.

Mayor Wilson stated this item has a 10 day period for the public to comment.

No comments were made.

Public hearing was closed at 6:11pm.

Councilman Hirschi asked if having someone from the city inspecting the project will be hard as far as man power is concerned since Sunrise Engineering will not be doing the inspections.

Derek replied it will be fine.

Kyle said that there will be a project manager. Sunrise Engineering will still be involved a little bit but the CIB board wanted Sunrise doing the inspections taken out, so we did.

Derek reported that there will be a utility meeting held for this project giving all of the other utilities the opportunity to upgrade their services at the same time at their own expense.

Mayor Wilson said that there will need to be a budget amendment done for this project.

2. To declare a 1986 International S-2500 dump truck and a 1980 International dump truck surplus property and to sell and/or exchange said property.

Derek gave a brief description on the condition of each vehicle.

He would like to take the money from selling these dump trucks, along with money from selling the copper wire and the water meters to purchase another dump truck. The trucks will be listed on the KSL Website, our website and will be parked out front with a for sale sign in them. The minimum bid is \$8,000 for one and \$6,000 for the other.

Selling just one of the trucks and using that money to fix the other one up is also an idea that is being considered.

The public hearing was opened at 6:16pm.

No comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 6:16pm.

G. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2013-17; A resolution declaring certain property to be surplus property and providing for disposition by public sale.

Councilman Hirschi mentioned that he has driven both vehicles and one is needs a lot of work. He thinks the City should sell that one and fix the other one.

Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve Resolution No. R- 2013-17; A resolution declaring certain property to be surplus property and providing for disposition by public sale, second by Councilman Randy Reeve. Roll Call Vote: Justice-yes, Stephenson-yes, Hirschi-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Staff, Mayor & Council Reports:

City Administrator- Kyle Gubler

1. Kyle reported that Winterfest is moving along nicely.
2. Economic Development- The Governor is having a photo op for all cities that participated in the business license survey. Someone from La Verkin will go to Northern Utah and be recognized. The Governor's office was thinking about having a Southern Utah recognition day, if they do they have agreed to let La Verkin host it possible during our Winterfest.
There was a plaque that included our name on it at the League of Cities and Towns.
3. The Family Dollar and the hotel are both moving forward.
4. Derek and Kyle met with Questar in regard to the property at the north end of La Verkin. Questar is putting an agreement together for the City to possible purchase it.
5. Crescent Park will be the starting point for the Federal Scenic by Way. The ZC3 members are pleased with how it is turning out.
6. He included a couple of handouts in his packet. One is for the Washington County Junior Ranger night and the other is from Sunrise Engineering thanking us for our business.
7. Utah League of Cities and Towns had a lot of interesting items discussed.
Kevin, the city attorney was in an accident while up there but he is home now and doing well.

Councilman Stephenson asked what the Crescent Park will look like when completed.

Kyle answered the sign will say City of La Verkin on one side and Zion Canyon Corridor on the other side with low bushes, shrubs and grass.

Public Safety- Chief Lloyd Watkins

Chief passed out the August stats. The arrests alone show how busy the guys have been. The number of arrests has him concerned.

It has also been a busy year. We are consistently staying about 12% above last year not just for the month but the year as well for incidences.

The truck will be here the first of November.

The explorer should be getting its wrap within the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Wilson mentioned that he has noticed the increase in call outs. He has been impressed with the way our officers have been handling the cases and has received several complements on how well our police officers have responded to situations. He thanked the police department for

all they do for our city with the limited resources we give them and mentioned that La Verkin spends less money per officer total than surrounding communities our size or larger. La Verkin citizens should be well pleased with all they get from the money spent. There is always talk of needing more officers but the money to pay for them has to come from somewhere.

Director of Operations-Derek Imlay

1. There have been 10 water breaks over the last couple of weeks; 8 culinary and 2 irrigation. He mentioned this because there are a lot of cones surrounding patches that need to be addressed. Because of the amount of breaks and the projects that his crew has been working on they chose to wait until a fresh load of asphalt can be brought in and patch everything at one time.
2. He thanked the public works crew for the great way they handled the flooding while all of the directors were at the League of Cities and Towns and Doug was at his Rural Water meeting.
3. The landscaping for Crescent Park should begin in about two weeks. The sidewalk and the two remaining walls should be ready to pour after this weekend.
4. The crew has 60 meters left to install on the Water Meter Project.
5. There have been several complaints about debris in the street so the City used a street sweeper to try and fix that issue. It just moved most of the debris into the curb and gutter and onto the sidewalk. We don't have the machine capability to clean those areas so it will be done manually by staff along with the juvenile work crew. Derek did find out about a piece of equipment that can be rented for about \$1,000 a week that will clean the streets. Staff will look into that to see if it would be worth renting once a year.
6. There has been equipment at Sunset View Estates. They have been cleaning the lots, sewer and storm drains.
The subdivision is going to be smaller than originally thought due to rock slide issues and flood control issues. It should be going to the Planning Commission then to City Council soon.
7. Thanked the Mayor for controlling the irrigation system while he was at the League and Councilman Hirschi for spraying the weeds.

Treasurer-Troylinn Benson

Thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for the opportunity to go to the League of Cities and Towns.

Thanked Christy and Jennifer for handling the office while she was gone.

There were 9 shut offs yesterday, 3 of them are back on. Only one is vacant.

Mayor Wilson: DTEC meeting was today. There was a presentation from the BLM on the NCA implementation. They reported that sections A & B of the Southern Corridor are on schedule and should be complete late fall. Section C has an endangered plant on it and they did find tortoises so it has been delayed a couple of months.

UDOT gave a presentation on their new app and talked about the increase speed limit.

Confluence Park meeting was today. They did receive another trail grant for a trail head in Hurricane and some signage for the 480 South trail head in La Verkin. The Hurricane trail head will have a restroom and a kiosk with some signage. They are trying to get the property that has the Sons of the Utah Pioneers monument on it to include in the Park.

There will be a budget amendment at the next meeting to take care of some issues such as Silver Acres, the water breaks and maintenance on the equipment.

Hirschi: There is a vent in the evidence room leaking in the 111 South Main building.
Derek will check it.

Reeve: Nothing to report.

Stephenson: The crew handled the flooding very well.

Justice: ZC3 Committee received the 2013 World Honors Award in recognition of the regional planning they have done the past 5 years. They are trying to get separate copies for each of the communities involved to place in their lobby.

Confluence Park is finishing up the Restoration Grant by removing some of the invasive species and replacing them with willows and more native species to help retain the banks.

I. Adjourn:

Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson. Motion carried unanimously at 6:48pm.

Minutes were taken on behalf of the City Recorder by Christy Ballard.

October 2, 2013

Date Approved

ATTEST:

Kyle Gubler

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City Recorder

Karl Wilson

Mayor, Karl Wilson

